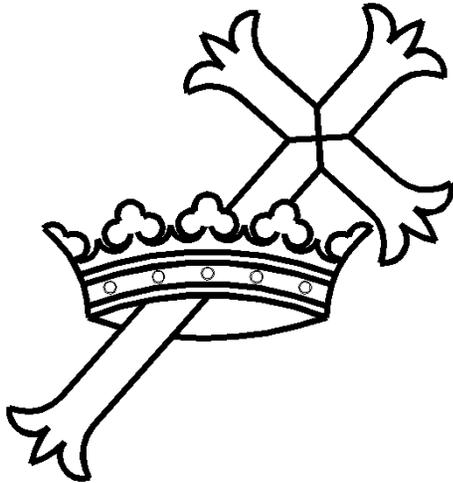


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!
In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
February 20, 2022

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

* OPENING HYMN

“How Firm A Foundation”

LBW 507

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory Be To The Father"

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God of compassion,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son who prayed even for his enemies; in our words and deeds help us to be like him though whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Genesis 45: 3-15 (ESV)

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds,

and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 103: 1-13

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,**

and forget not all his benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the pit,**

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ **The LORD works righteousness**

and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,

his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ **The LORD is merciful and gracious,**

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ **For as high as the heavens are above the earth,**

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 21-26, 30-42 (ESV)

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ³⁰Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. ³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.
Gloria to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 6: 27-38 (ESV)**

²⁷"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*SERMON HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign” LBW 530

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.
Amen

*SENDING HYMN

“Love Divine”

LBW 315

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

(* Please stand as you are able)

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all our Police Officers by Rusty and Rhonda Drye.

March Newsletter articles are TODAY.

Amanda Faggart is raising money for **Special Olympics of NC**. Please consider supporting her, here is how: **“Plunge in Place”** – Please sign up to donate to team Cabarrus. We still need about \$5000 to meet our goal. Go to [2022 Polar Plunge NC](#) to join Team Cabarrus or see Amanda to donate to her!

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – 2022

Sunday	Feb. 27	Sunday of the Transfiguration	10:00AM Worship
Tues.	Mar. 1	Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	6:00PM Meal
Wed.	Mar. 2	Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00PM Worship
Sunday	Mar. 6	First Sunday in Lent	10:00AM Worship
Wed.	Mar. 9	Week 1 Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM Worship
Sunday	Mar. 13	Second Sunday in Lent	10:00AM Worship
Wed.	Mar. 16	Week 2 Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM Worship
Sunday	Mar. 20	Third Sunday in Lent	10:00AM Worship
Wed.	Mar. 23	Week 3 Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM Worship
Sunday	Mar. 27	Fourth Sunday in Lent	10:00AM Worship
Wed.	Mar. 30	Week 4 Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM Worship
Sunday	Apr. 3	Fifth Sunday in Lent	10:00AM Worship
Wed.	Apr. 6	Week 5 Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM Worship
Sunday	Apr. 10	Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion	10:00AM Worship
Thurs.	Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday	7:00PM Worship
Friday	Apr. 15	Good Friday	7:00PM Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 <u>AM</u> Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Morning Breakfast	7:30AM Meal
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Holy Communion	10:00AM Worship

Wednesday Worship during Lent – 2022

Worship will begin at **7:00PM** in the Sanctuary with prayer, hymns, and informal teaching.

Week 1 (Wed. 3/9) James Chapter 1 “Learning Perfection”

Faithful Response to Trials
Doers of the Word (receive, listen, do)

Week 2 (Wed. 3/16) James Chapter 2 “Faith AND Works” (not an either/or)

No Partiality to the Wealthy/Powerful
The Royal Law: “Love of Neighbor”
Faith w/o Works is Empty

Week 3 (Wed. 3/23) James 3: 1-12 “Disciplined Speech vs. Evil Talk”

Not All Should Teach
“Loose Lips Sink”... Souls!

Week 4 (Wed. 3/30) James 3:13 – 4:12 “Seeking Heavenly Wisdom”

Heavenly Not Earthly Wisdom
Passions/Desires/Pleasures = Sin & Strife
Learn Humility – Practice Humility
Do Not Judge Others

Week 5 (Wed. 4/6) James 4:13 - 5:12 “The Lord Governs All Human Life”

Do Not Place Your Trust in Future Plans
God Condemns the Rich/Powerful for Injustice
Await the Lord’s Judgment with Patience
Do Not Swear Oaths



February 20, 2022

We ask that you always have an individual’s permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List.

Contact Pastor Allison or Prayer List Coordinator Belinda Campbell to request additions or changes.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1 Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Kay Barbee; Marilyn Barringer; Doug Bell; Kevin Blackburn; Susan Caudle; John Faggart; Candice Horton (Recovered from COVID, asks for continued prayers); Doris & Frank Kluttz; Heather & Jerry Reynolds and newborn son Jack; Katelyn Strube and newborn Greta; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Bonnie Albright (Friend of Robin Drye) - She is suffering in the ICU on a ventilator from double pneumonia caused by COVID;
Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr;
Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Brady Krimminger;
Doris McCarn (Mother of Lindsay Pless – Recovery from a minor stroke);
Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Susan Starling;
Connie Walters; Ben Weast

General Prayer Concerns

Those impacted by COVID

Cross of Christ Shut-In

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

Praise List

Belinda Campbell – The prayers as I recovered from COVID have been greatly appreciated.

**** Please remember our shut-ins with a visit, phone call, cards, or email along with your prayers.**

Today – February 20, 2022

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM	Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM	Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalm 99

Hebrews 3: 1-6

St. Luke 9: 28-36

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